

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 4, 2004

IN RE:

**PETITION OF LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR
ARBITRATION WITH BELL SOUTH
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

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**DOCKET NO.
04-00059**

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

This matter is before the Pre-Arbitration Officer upon the joint request of Level 3 Communications, LLC and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to postpone the May 3, 2004 filing deadline. On May 3, 2004, the Parties jointly requested more time to engage in settlement discussions and indicated that a stipulation dismissing the arbitration petition should be forthcoming within the next few days. Otherwise, the Parties have committed to providing an additional update on the status of the negotiations by May 14, 2004. Based upon these representations, the previously established filing deadline is extended until May 14, 2004.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

No later than May 14, 2004, the Parties shall update the TRA regarding the status of the negotiations, and, as appropriate, the Parties shall either file a notification that all issues have been resolved and withdraw the petition for arbitration or shall file a joint Issues Matrix and an agreed procedural schedule for completion of the arbitration.



Kim Beals, Counsel
as Pre-Arbitration Officer